

Criteria for Model External DNA Proficiency Testing; Final Report and Recommendations;" an update on certification issues; a discussion on the grading of proficiency tests; a presentation on privacy issues and a discussion of topics for the next DNA Advisory Board meeting.

The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first seated basis. Anyone wishing to address the DAB must notify the Designated Federal Employee (DFE) in writing at least twenty-four hours before the DAB meeting. The notification must include the requestor's name, organizational affiliation, a short statement describing the topic to be addressed, and the amount of time requested. Oral statements to the DAB will be limited to five minutes and limited to subject matter directly related to the DAB's agenda, unless otherwise permitted by the Chairman.

Any member of the public may file a written statement for the record concerning the DAB and its work before or after the meeting. Written statements for the record will be furnished to each DAB member for their consideration and will be included in the official minutes of a DAB meeting. Written statements must be type-written on 8½" × 11" xerographic weight paper, one side only, and bound only by a paper clip (not stapled). All pages must be numbered. Statements should include the Name, Organizational Affiliation, Address, and Telephone number of the author(s). Written statements for the record will be included in minutes of the meeting immediately following the receipt of the written statement, unless the statement is received within three weeks of the meeting. Under this circumstance, the written statement will be included with the minutes of the following meeting. Written statements for the record should be submitted to the DFE.

Inquiries may be addressed to the DFE, Dr. Dwight E. Adams, Chief, Scientific Analysis Section, Laboratory Division—Room 3266, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20535-0001, (202) 324-4416, FAX (202) 324-1462.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Violence Against Women Grants Office Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; New collection.

Certification of Compliance with Eligibility Requirements of Section 826 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Grants Office has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by February 22, 1999. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, Attention: Mr. Alex Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Preet Kang, Information Specialist, OJP Violence Against Women Grants Office, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20531, or facsimile at (202) 305-2589.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Certification of Compliance with the Statutory Eligibility Requirements of Section 826 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None. Violence Against Women Grants Office, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be as or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Institutions of Higher Education. *Other:* None.

The Grants to Combat Violent Crimes Against Women on Campuses were authorized through Section 826 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, to make funds available to institutions of higher education to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes against women on campuses.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* The time burden of the 25 respondents to complete the certification form is estimated to be 30 minutes per respondent.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total annual hour burden to complete the certification form is 12.5 hours.

IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy, Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

Brenda E. Dyer,

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